

A VERY TALKING GATHERING.

Secret Call for the First District Committee Meeting Falls to Draw.

OMAHA ATTORNEYS AT LINCOLN.

New Life in the Railroad Commission Office—A Brakeman Loses an Arm—Returned to the Asylum.

(FROM THE BEE'S LINCOLN BUREAU.)

About a week ago Chairman Courtney, of the First district republican congressional committee issued a circular letter to the members of the committee for a meeting at Lincoln to be held Tuesday, the 5th, at the office of the chairman, at 2 p. m. When that hour arrived a call was made at the above office and but three members of the committee were there—Frank Hanlon, of Omaha, and the committee men from Pawnee and Johnson counties. These, with the chairman, constituted the committee at the meeting at the hour of the call, and the business then seemed to be a general waiting for Church Howe, whom the chairman confidently predicted to be the waiting train from the south, at which time other members of the committee were looked for. It so did not be called on the committee meeting, and the absence of interest was commented upon freely by those who had stumbled upon the fact that the campaign was to be opened, just why a secret call was made for the committee meeting was not explained, notice through the press, after the manner in which the state committee is called together, is not accounted for, although a good many express in comments dissatisfaction at the manner of secret procedure.

OMAHA ATTORNEYS came to the front in goodly number yesterday at the state capital, for the Third judicial district in the supreme court at its rooms at the capitol building. Among the Omaha attorneys in attendance were noted, C. A. T. Patrick, J. J. W. Patrick, R. W. Breckenridge, J. J. O'Connor, R. S. Hall, George W. Doane, E. M. Bartlett, W. A. Rodick and General G. M. O'Brien. Court proceedings for the following cases were held:

Court met pursuant to adjournment, and Mr. W. Patrick was admitted to practice. Clark vs. Clark, reargument ordered. Scholten vs. Hart, dismissed; Peter vs. Dummler, continued.

The following cases were argued and submitted: Connelly vs. Miller, on motion; Peppers vs. State, on motion; State ex rel. Leese vs. Leese, on motion; Denecker vs. Foster, on briefs; Dodge vs. O. & S. W. R. R. Co.; State ex rel. Weaver vs. Rodrick. Court adjourned to this morning.

STATE HOUSE MATTERS. There is an air of industry at the railroad commissioners' rooms. Judge Mason has signified his entrance into office by careful and systematic clearing up of the cases that have been hanging fire, and in which recommendations made by the board have been allowed to move along at the will of the railroads without protest. The cases of Denecker and Busch were on the ground yesterday, and there are refreshing signs of life in that office.

The board of public lands and buildings, at its monthly session, approved the vouchers of the different state institutions and approved the estimate No. 6 of the construction work on the home for the feeble minded, estimated at \$100,000 for the month of \$6,767. Estimate No. 6 on the reform school for the month calling for \$1,750 was also approved, and estimate No. 5 on the Norfolk asylum for the month in amount \$17,713. This latter building, it is stated, will be completed ready to be turned over to the state in two weeks more time, although it cannot be used until appropriations are made at the next session of the legislature for its maintenance.

Neils Sundborg, a patient in the insane hospital, died on the 30th, and was buried at the asylum. The report of the case, as furnished by the superintendent, is a sad recital that Sundborg was an inmate sent from Herman, Washington county, that he was a native of Denmark and had followed farming and stock raising for 45 years, had died of consumption, and had no known relatives.

The following school bonds were yesterday placed on record at the auditor's office, District No. 1, \$10,000; District No. 2, \$10,000; District No. 3, \$10,000; District No. 4, \$10,000; District No. 5, \$10,000; District No. 6, \$10,000; District No. 7, \$10,000; District No. 8, \$10,000; District No. 9, \$10,000; District No. 10, \$10,000; District No. 11, \$10,000; District No. 12, \$10,000; District No. 13, \$10,000; District No. 14, \$10,000; District No. 15, \$10,000; District No. 16, \$10,000; District No. 17, \$10,000; District No. 18, \$10,000; District No. 19, \$10,000; District No. 20, \$10,000; District No. 21, \$10,000; District No. 22, \$10,000; District No. 23, \$10,000; District No. 24, \$10,000; District No. 25, \$10,000; District No. 26, \$10,000; District No. 27, \$10,000; District No. 28, \$10,000; District No. 29, \$10,000; District No. 30, \$10,000; District No. 31, \$10,000; District No. 32, \$10,000; District No. 33, \$10,000; District No. 34, \$10,000; District No. 35, \$10,000; 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